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SUBJECT: ALP OFFICIAL RULES OUT EARLY ELECTION

ALP FEDERAL SECRETARY DAVID COMBES YESTERDAY TOLD DEPARTMENT OFFICER DURING LUNCH THAT EARLY ELECTION IS RULED OUT AND THAT LABOR PARTY WILL SERVE FOR FULL THREE YEARS. HE SAID THAT THIS IS POSITION OF WHITLAM AND THAT IT HAS HIS (COMBES) FULL SUPPORT. WHEN IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT OPPOSITION MIGHT SHARE THIS VIEW BECAUSE IT WOULD NOT WISH TO BE SADDLED WITH CURRENT ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, COMBES SAID THAT THIS IS WHAT OPPOSITION IS NOW SAYING, BUT WE AND AUSTRALIAN PUBLIC SHOULD NOT BE MISLED BY WHAT HE CALLED A PROPAGANDA TECHNIQUE. "NO POLITICAL PARTY WILL TURN AWAY FROM THE OPPORTUNITY OF BECOMING THE GOVERNMENT IF THE CLIMATE IS RIGHT," HE ADDED. IN THIS CONNECTION, COMBES MENTIONED A TELEPHONE CALL HE HAD HAD FROM UNNAMED ALP LEADERS ON MONDAY ASKING HIM TO POSTPONE HIS TRIP TO

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THE UNITED STATES. COMBES SAID THAT HE TOLD HIS COL-

LEAGUES A POSTPONEMENT COULD VERY WELL BE CONSTRUED BY
THE OPPOSITION AND OTHERS THAT THE LABOR PARTY WAS INDEED
CONSIDERING CALLING FOR AN ELECTION BEFORE THE END OF
THIS YEAR. HE SAID THAT TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE ALP'S
CURRENT THINKING, IT WAS BETTER THAT HE BE OUT OF THE
COUNTRY. INGERSOLL

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